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SUBJ EC- SWITZERLAND FREE TRADE AREA AGREEMENT

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SUMMARY: MISSION CONSIDERS IMPACT OF SWISS- EC ARRANGEMENT CAN BE DIFFERENTIATED FROM THAT OF OTHER EC- EFTA ARRANGEMENTS IN ONE RESPECT WHICH APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN OVERLOOKED BY WASHINGTON REFTEL APPRAISAL, NAMELY THAT THE AGRICULTURAL DUTY REDUCTIONS AND EXEMPTIONS ACCORDED TO EC BY SWITZERLAND AS WELL AS SWISS IMPORT LICENSING PROCEDURES FOR FRUITS AND VEGETABLES HAVE BEEN EXTENDED UNILATERALLY BY SWITZERLAND ON MFN BASIS. END SUMMARY.

1. MISSION AGREES WITH REFTEL APPRAISAL INsofar AS IT RELATES TO THE TEXTS OF THE VARIOUS EC- EFTA ARRANGEMENTS AND THE EXCHANGES OF LETTERS AFFECTING AGRICULTURE WHICH ACCOMPANIED MOST OF THESE ARRANGEMENTS. TEXTS ACCORDINGLY SEEM TO JUSTIFY APPRAISAL PARA 1 REFTEL THAT " ALL THESE AGRICULTURAL CONCESSIONS ARE DISCRIMINATORY". SINCE PARTIES TO A FREE TRADE AREA RETAIN THEIR AUTONOMY WITH RESPECT TO COMMERCIAL POLICY VIS- A- VIS THIRD COUNTRIES, HOWEVER, EXTENT OF DE FACTO DISCRIMINATION DEPENDS ON WHETHER ANY CONCESSIONS IN FRAMEWORK OF FTA ARE EXTENDED TO OTHER COUNTRIES.
2. IN CASE OF SWITZERLAND, THE AGRICULTURAL TARIFF CONCESSIONS AND IMPORT LICENSING UNDERTAKINGS CONTAINED IN EXCHANGE OF LETTERS WITH EC JULY 21 HAVE BEEN AUTONOMOUSLY EXTENDED ON MFN BASIS TO U. S. AND ALL OTHER GATT COUNTRIES. GATT DOCUMENT L/3817 NOTIFIED CPS ABOUT UNILATERAL REDUCTIONS OF SWISS TARIFF FOR ITEMS INVOLVED. GENEVA' S 0711 CONFIRMED WHAT THIS DOCUMENT MEANT SINCE SWISS AN OUNCEMENT WAS RATHER OBSCURE. GATT DOCUMENT L/3840 CONTAINING QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON EC- SWITZ ARRANGEMENT CONFIRMED MFN EXTENSION BY SWITZERLAND OF AGRICULTURAL CONCESSIONS IN EC- SWISS EXCHANGE OF LETTERS - SEE REPLIES TO QUESTIONS 40 (C) AND (D).
3. SO FAR AS MISSION ABLE ASCERTAIN FROM MATERIAL AVAILABLE HERE, NO OTHER EFTA ASSOCIATE OF EC HAS ACTED IN SAME MANNER AS SWITZERLAND IN UNILATERALLY ACTING TO AVOID DISCRIMINATION AGAINST U. S. IN APPLICATION OF SIDE AGREEMENTS ON AGRICULTURE.

4. FOREGOING IS WHAT SWISS REPS HAVE MENTIONED TO US IN COMPLAINING ABOUT OUR UNDIFFERENTIATED CRITICISM OF ALL EC- EFTA LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ARRANGEMENTS AND OUR UNWILLINGNESS PUBLICLY TO GIVE SWISS SOME CREDIT FOR GESTURE THEY HAVE MADE TO AVOID ADDITIONAL DISCRIMINATION.

5. WE HAVE INFORMED SWISS REP GATT OF APPARENT MISUNDERSTANDING ON HIS PART RE CORN FOR CORN FLAKES. BASSIN

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